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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

WANG ET AL.

Examiner

Patricia T. Nguyen

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2,5-11 and 19-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2,5-11,19-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 2, 5, 6, 8-11, and 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Itakura, U.S. Patent # 5,608,352.

Fig. 18 of Itakura discloses an amplifier comprising: inputs INPUT1, INPUT2 that received differential signals can be read as a differential input; transistors T1, T2 can be read as a first differential pair; transistors T3, T4 can be read as a second differential pair; output at OUTPUT1, OUTPUT2 can be read as a differential output; level shift circuits LS1 can be read as a differential offset circuit; transistors T5, T6 can be read as a differential switch circuit or a comparison between a common mode voltage of the input signal and a reference voltage to select a subcomponent from a plurality of subcomponents (see spec. col. 4, line 53 - col. 5, line 9); Vcc can be read as a first power supply voltage; ground can be read as a second power supply voltage.

Claims 5, 7, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ide et al., U.S. Patent # 5,955,921.

Fig. 8 of Ide et al. discloses a circuit comprising: inputs that received differential signals INPUT+, INPUT- can be read as a differential input; FETs 37A, 37B can be read

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as a first differential pair; FETs 38A, 38B can be read as a second differential pair; output at OUTPUT+, OUTPUT- can be read as a differential output; transistors 39A, 39B can be read as a differential switch circuit; constant current source 40 can be read as a current source; upper power supply voltage connects to resistors 36A, 36B can be read as a first power supply voltage; ground can be read as a second power supply voltage.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. U.S. Patents # 5,280,199 and 3,903,405 contain some limitations of the claimed invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patricia T Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 308-1927. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pascal can be reached on 703-309-4940. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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